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North Alabama Region



President's Message

NAR President / **Nell Owen**

This year has seemed to go by unusually fast for me. Maybe because Randy and I went to less shows and other events it seemed to really fly by or maybe because as they say "the older you get time flies". I have enjoyed being your President and am sad that we had so few activities because of Covid. But I still plan to help the club in the upcoming year as I will be on the Board and have offered my support to Jeff.

We have several members who have been ill. Dan Moore is recuperating from gall bladder surgery he had on his birthday, Nov 18; Angie True is recuperating from surgery on her foot which led to an infection; Joan Birks had surgery on her vertebrae which went well, but is now awaiting surgery on a hernia that resulted from the fall that fractured her vertebrae.

Chuck Nickey was released from the doctor in Birmingham following his heart surgery. After having hernia surgery recently, Gerald Moore saw his oncologist was declared 5-years cancer-free.

We also lost one of our members for the second month in a row when Gene Moran passed. We had five antique vehicles driven to his service and Jan was pleased. Remember all these and any others I may not know about in your prayers.

We had a good meeting in November although only 18 members were there. We aren't sure what has kept folks away from the last couple of meetings, but probably a number of things (location, Covid, schedules, etc.). Jeff said he will try to move us back to the Optimist Rec Center on Oakwood for next year's meetings.

Those who were at the meeting voted on the roster of Officers and Board for next year. Claire Catanese was nominated for the Secretary position we had not filled and was elected. The Board voted on the nominations for Totcky (Most Improved Vehicle) and Berry (Service to Club) awards.

Our meeting this month is our annual Christmas dinner. Can't believe it's that time already! Vice-President, Jeff Slagle, and his wonderful wife Drea have been working on this event. It will be at The Vision, located at 187 Oscar Webster Road, Huntsville, AL, starting at 5:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. Until then stay safe.

Nell

AACA NAR / Member Milestones

Birthdays

November 10	Jim True
November 13	Joan Birks
November 18	Don Bisson
November 18	Dan Moore
November 20	Robbie Henslee
November 24	Kelly Howard
November 26	Randy Owen
November 28	Drea Slagle
November 29	Mike Mahan
November 30	Luci Bentley

December 2	Angie True
December 3	Susan Stefanovic
December 4	Dean Beckman
December 6	M.D. Smith
December 10	Chuck Nickey
December 13	Bob Weidman
December 14	Julia King
December 23	Robert Scites
December 29	Linda Haney

Anniversaries

November 12	John and Peggy Richard / 61 in 2021
November 16	David and Natalie Hoha
November 22	Terry and Shannon Johnson / 24 in 2021
December 22	Paul and Lynn Wagner / 54 in 2021
December 22	Bob and Lisa Vaughan
December 22	Ron and Martha Dion / 52 in 2021



AACA / Member Health Reports

Dan Moore

Had gall bladder surgery Thursday, November 18 and all went well.

Chuck Nickey

Had a follow-up to his recent heart surgery and he was released from more appointments.

Gerald Moore

Is 5 years cancer free.

Joan Birks

Had surgery on her vertebrae from her recent fall, but can't begin rehab until she has surgery on a hernia that resulted from the fall.

Angie True

Has an infection resulting from the recent surgery she had on her foot.

AACA NAR / Member Requests

Mercury Parts Needed

Gene White has a 2 door 1949 Mercury that he is partially restoring. He is wanting to buy parts for this car and they are difficult to find. If you have parts for sale or know someone who does please call Gene at (256) 698-1219

AACA NAR / Club News

2022 Club Dues

Dues for 2022 are now due. Dues are \$20 per family per year. Make a check payable to NAR and mail to Carla Holder, 131 Gilley Drive, Harvest, AL 35749. Members who are coming to the Christmas Party can make one check for all.

ACCA NAR Name Tags

For those of you who ordered nametags, they have arrived. I'll bring them to the NAR Christmas dinner or, if you'd prefer, I can go ahead and mail them to you. The nametags were \$9.00 and the cost can be put on the same Christmas dinner check and mailed to Carla. I'll place another order soon so if you haven't ordered nametags yet and want one, just let me know.

New AACA NAR Club Members

Robbie and Angie Henslee, 108 Fieldmaster Drive, Madison, AL 35758
(318) 816-1375

robbiehenslee@gmail.com

They have a 1971 Pontiac Firebird, 1972 Chevy Nova, and 1977 Pontiac Trans Am.

Edward and Laurie Lawrence, 121 Hunington Drive, Madison, AL 35758
(256) 679-9447

sfclaw@yahoo.com

They have a 1967 Ford Mustang Coupe.

Harry and Debi Trumbull, 18868 Menefee Road, Athens, AL 35613
(256) 431-3968

htrumbull18868@charter.net

They have a 1971 Plymouth Duster 2 door Coupe.

Gwyn and Dale Wright, 1682 Butter and Egg Road, Hazel Green, AL 35750
(256) 828-1060

pas064@mchsi.com

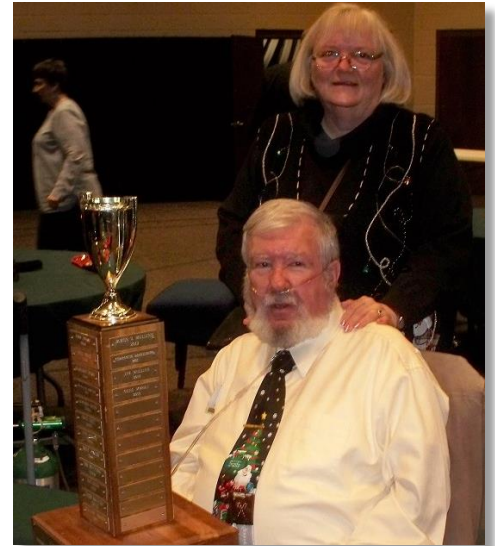
They have a 1967 Oldsmobile 442 and a 1968 Chevrolet Camaro.

In Remembrance of Gene Moran

June 22, 1950 - November 14, 2021

Gene Moran, 71, died Sunday, November 14, 2021, with family and friends by his side. Gene was born June 22, 1950, in St. Joseph, Minnesota to Archie and Alvina Moran.

After high school, and only 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he deployed twice to Vietnam as a transportation specialist. Gene retired in 1988 as an Army recruiter in Dayton, Ohio, after more than 20 years of service. Gene's military decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Army Commendation Medals, and the Army Achievement Medal. In 2011, Gene and his wife, would move to Huntsville, Alabama where Gene worked as Army Contracting Command at Redstone Arsenal. Gene retired in 2016 as a GS-14 procurement analyst.



Gene and Jan Moran

In his free time Gene gave freely of his skills by helping neighbors and friends with projects. He also relished working in his garage, whether woodworking or restoring an antique car, working at his lake house in Tennessee, and exploring the U.S. with his wife in their RV. Gene was also very fond of his time with the North Alabama Region chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and had great memories of the friends he met while attending rallies and coordinating local car shows. Gene was the NAR car show chairman in 2015 and 2016. He also won the club's Carl Berry Award for service in 2015.

Gene's first car was a 2 door 1966 Chevy Belair sedan and it was pea green. Gene was 19 when he bought it for \$1,600. Gene was in the army and had just returned from Vietnam and was assigned to Ft Polk, Louisiana. He had a CB Antenna on the car and everyone thought he was a CID agent. Gene once owned a 1966 Mustang convertible and 1967 Mercury Caliente convertible that he wished he kept. His dream car was a 1964 Malibu convertible or 1932 roadster. He was a lifelong Boy Scout. He and Jan have lived in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, the Panama canal zone, Germany, and Bahrain.

He and his wife Jan would have been married 52 years in a few weeks.



ACCA NAR members honored Gene by driving their antique cars to Gene's memorial service.

AACA NAR / November 2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held at the Brahan Springs Rec Center, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Nell opened the meeting
- Refreshments
- Pledge
- New member Robbie Henslee in attendance
- Old Business
 - > Nell asked for a motion for \$100 donation be made to AACA Library and Research Center in memory of Gene Moran; Motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved
 - > Secretary minutes from last meeting approved
 - > Treasurer / Small profit from car show so far (Still need to account for Porta Potties?)
 - > Veteran's Day Parade / Club members participated / Slagles and Bob Bentley with Wayne Scites driving
- New business
 - > Nell presented the proposed slate of officers
 - Secretary position initially vacant
 - Claire Catanese volunteered to have her name entered
 - Final slate of nominees:
 - President Jeff Slagle
 - Vice-President Chuck Nickey
 - Treasurer Jim True
 - Secretary Claire Catanese
 - Webmaster Robert Scites
 - Newsletter Editor Tom Beam
 - Board members Nell Owen, Joe Marchelites, Mike Skelly, Wayne Scites
 - Bob Bentley moved that nominations be closed; Wayne Scites second, unanimous approval
 - No discussion or further nominations from the floor, slate of officers for calendar year 2022 approved by acclimation
 - > Birthdays as presented in the slides, added Robert Scites 23 Dec, Robbie Henslee 20 Nov (Henslee anniversary 9 Jan)
 - > Totcky Award nominees (Officers to vote via email):
 - Ed Hanish, 1973 Dodge Challenger (Existing nomination)
 - Chuck Nickey, 1966 Mustang Convertible (Nomination from the floor – Henslee)
 - > Berry Award Nominees (Officers to vote via email):
 - David Hoha
 - Jim True (Jim asked to have his nomination withdrawn)
 - > Robert Scites sold 1988 BMW, Bought 1973 Jensen Healey, Resurrected one of his dad's 1964 Chevy Impalas
 - > Member's projects:
 - Harold Caneer – Kurtis Kraft (Body 50% complete; Chassis 80% complete)
 - Ed Hanish – Willys Knight 70 and 70A
 - Al Birks – 1962 Corvair Convertible
 - Greg Stefanovic – 1928 Studebaker
 - Robbie Henslee – 1972 Nova
 - Robbie Henslee – 1972 Chevelle
 - > Peter Catanese has for sale:
 - 1966 MGB (AACA Sr.)
 - 1967 VW (AACA Sr. Grand National) (See the Nov/Dec issue of *the Antique Automobile*)
 - > Christmas party was discussed. Some confusion with dates and member availability. Nell to email final decision to membership
 - > Multiple upcoming local and national car activities were discussed
 - > No program because of short time available, and election of officers
 - > Door prizes awarded
 - > Adjourned

AACA NAR / Online Club Directory Profile Updates

Jim True is planning to generating a new pdf version of the Club Directory for the 2022 year at the end of November, or early January. Jim is requesting club members login to the online Club Directory and to update their profile. Updates can be made to items such as photos, phone numbers, addresses, cars, etc. If anyone has questions, please contact Jim True at j.true@mchsi.com or (256) 233-3690.

The NAR Directory is also online and is also available as a smart phone app. The directory is password protected and only available to NAR members. You control how much information to share.

If you would like to see the directory contact Jim True j.true@mchsi.com or Nell Owen nowen5701@gmail.com and they will create your login.

Access the Online Directory:

1. Go to <https://naraaca.ctrn.co>
2. Enter your Username and Password and Press Go. Your username will be firstlast all lower case with no space (for example: bobsmith)
Your password will be provided after your login is created. Please change your password and update your profile.

North Alabama Region (NAR) of the Antique Automobile Club of America requires a User Name and Password to view our directory.

User Name

Password

☐ Remember Me

Questions? Contact James True at j.true@mchsi.com.

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Please change your password and update your profile. (see the following)

How to Change Your Password:

1. Click the **"My Profile"** tab
2. Change your password to something you can easily remember. Enter your new password in the password field and click update. (Your password is encrypted and is not visible to anyone).

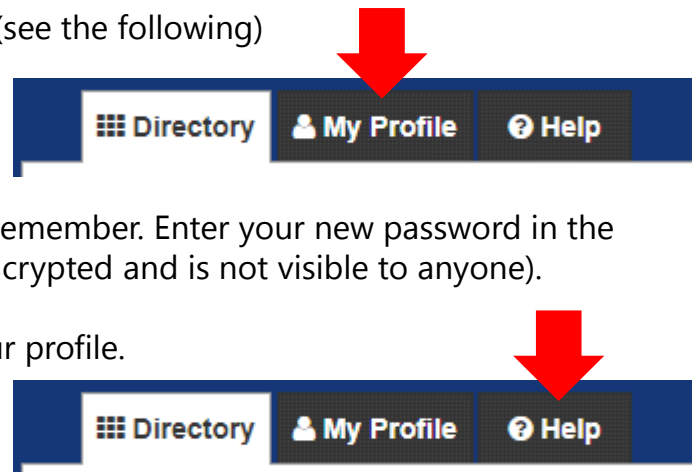
Note: You can also update any other information in your profile.

Click around and enjoy the directory!

There is **"Help"** to answer most any question you may have.

Download the App on your Smartphone and Tablet:

Download the free mobile app by searching **"CTRN Online Directory"** at your app store. You will be asked for our mobile code. It is **(NARAACA)**. When the app opens, enter your username and password, and select "remember me." We hope you use, learn from, and enjoy our new directory!



AACA NAR / 2021 Christmas Dinner



Date: Friday, December 10, 2021

Location: The Vision
187 Oscar Webster Road
Huntsville, AL 35803

Time: 5:00 p.m. / Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, and desert

Cost: Make check payable to NAR for **\$15.00** (per person) by Monday, November 29.
*You may also add your **2022 dues** which are **\$20.00** per family to the same check.*

Mail to: Carla Holder
131 Gilley Drive
Harvest, AL 35749

Directions: When you turn East on Hobbs Island Road off South Memorial Parkway, go 2.1 miles and turn left onto Hegia Burrow Road and continue 0.8 mile and turn left onto Oscar Webster Road. The destination is 0.2 mile on the right. The Vision is a gated property, but the gate will be open for your entry.

We'll visit and take pictures of each couple before we eat.





2021 Veterans Day Parade

Nell Owen

Thanks to those who participated in this years Veterans Day parade and thanks to all the NAR Veterans who served our great country!

Due to impending bad weather conditions, we had little turn out for this years Veterans Day parade, so a special thanks goes to those who braved the forecast and represented NAR.

Jeff and Drea Slagle drove their 1966 Galaxie Convertible and Wayne Scites drove Bob Bentley in Bob's 1967 Sport Fury Convertible.

Unfortunately, Channel 48 missed our NAR cars just as they reached the reviewing stand. Just after Liz Hurley announced the Antique Automobile Club some jeeps showed up in the picture and they skipped right over our cars.



Edsel Swag Littered the House

Gary Schwertley

In late 1957 my dad, Don Schwertley, he was working as the service manager of Harbor Lincoln-Mercury in Long Beach, California. Some fellows he knew owned a Ford dealership and they were starting up the local town Edsel franchise across the street. They told my dad that this car was going to sell like hotcakes and he ought to get in on the deal; they wanted him to come down to the new "Don L" Edsel dealership and be the service manager there. He did, and Don L Edsel lasted six weeks before the bottom fell out of the market. The dealership was closed quickly and my dad had to find another job in service administration elsewhere. This new product was subject to the biggest and most expensive marketing/advertising program that Ford had ever undertaken and it didn't pan out.

After the Edsel fiasco, we had a bunch of promotional items around our house for years, some of the fruit of the big multi-million dollar promotion. We had an Edsel blanket (each Edsel was shipped with a nice flannel blanket on the front seat to keep it from getting soiled). We had Edsel playing cards, brochures, fact books, handkerchiefs (which were lettered YDESOYA, which my dad said stood for You Can't Demonstrate Edsels Sitting on Your Arse; these, obviously, were intended for salesmen). We had parts books and service manuals, pictures, and I don't know what-all. The "Big E" was omnipresent. My dad was a pack rat and whenever any dealership he worked for was tossing something out, my dad brought it home. All of this Edsel stuff had that wretched, bilious, bright green product signature color on it. Some people want to put failure out of their minds and would have never kept this stuff around; apparently, it didn't bother my dad.

I very well remember having a light green Edsel convertible promo hard plastic model that I quickly ran into the ground. It was fairly perishable in the hands of an 8-year-old boy. I remember we had the green/white flannel blanket for 25 years and took it camping all the time.

I have been cleaning things out of my house lately and I think I finally have reached the bottom of the Edsel barrel after all these years. I found a little 1958 Edsel specifications booklet, about 3 x 6 inches, 41 pages ("Form 5707"). I recently sold it on Ebay to some, "Edsel Enthusiast" for over \$50. Maybe that will help offset some of Ford's \$400 million dollar loss.

